



# CHEMUNG COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

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Chemung county lies in the south central part of the state, also called the Southern Tier, bordering Pennsylvania. In 1998, there were 64,000 acres in farms, 25 percent of the county's total 261,120 acres. There were 380 farms in the county averaging 168 acres per farm. Chemung county ranks 46th in the state for number of farms and 44th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$12.9 million. Total sales averaged \$41,209 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, nursery and greenhouse, cattle and calves, corn for grain, and vegetables.

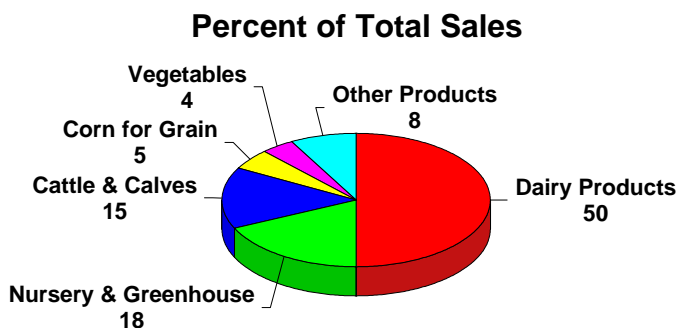
The average value of land and buildings per farm was \$185,534. Machinery and equipment was valued at \$41,164 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$10.4 million for an average of \$33,221 per farm. The Census showed 39 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 53.8 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$20,651.

## LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales Thous. Dol.	Percent of Total	County Rank
Dairy Products	6,492	50	44
Nursery & Greenhouse	2,294	18	26
Cattle & Calves	1,957	15	42
Corn for Grain	688	5	30
Vegetables	456	4	40
Other Products	1,011	8	
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	<b>12,898</b>		<b>47</b>

1997 Census of Agriculture

## LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS



### FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Total Cropland 1/	Permanent Pasture 2/	Total Woodland 3/	Other Land 4/
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1940	1,508	168,199	5/	5/	36,026	5/
1950	1,280	155,628	81,462	23,245	38,978	11,943
1959	747	113,979	59,247	11,817	31,020	11,895
1969	432	90,335	48,912	5/	25,646	5/
1978	367	75,221	42,679	5,044	20,403	7,095
1982	372	70,800	38,932	4,917	21,515	5,436
1987	365	66,400	38,600	3,800	17,000	7,000
1992	335	64,800	33,900	6,700	18,100	6,100
1993	340	64,000	33,500	6,400	17,700	6,400
1994	350	62,900	34,300	6,200	16,800	5,600
1995	355	63,400	35,600	6,400	16,400	5,000
1996	365	63,100	36,400	6,600	15,500	4,600
1997	375	63,700	38,100	6,800	15,000	3,800
1998	380	64,000	37,500	7,100	15,500	3,900

1940-1982 U.S. Census of Agriculture 1/ Includes cropland pastured. 2/ Excludes cropland and woodland pastured.  
3/ Includes woodland pastured. 4/ Land in house lots, ponds, wasteland, etc. 5/ Not available.

### FARMS BY SALES CLASS

Sales Class	1992	1997
Number of Farms		
Under \$10,000	162	207
\$10,000 to \$49,999	58	54
\$50,000 to \$99,999	30	14
\$100,000 or more	35	38
Farms Reporting	285	313
U. S. Census of Agriculture		

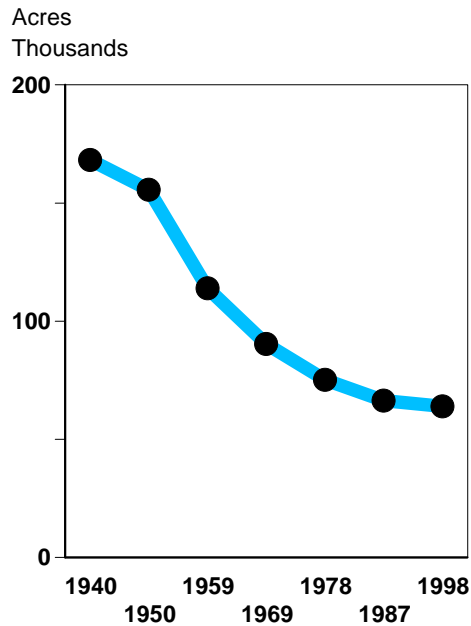
### RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 32nd in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	73,700	181
1950	86,800	213
1960	98,700	242
1970	101,500	249
1980	97,700	239
1990	95,200	233
1998	92,021	225

U.S. Census of Population

### Land in Farms



**CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1**

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
Number on farms			
1940	12,513	1/	1/
1950	14,358	299	8,046
1959	13,604	318	7,818
1969	11,957	923	5,834
1978	12,000	1,600	5,400
1982	12,500	1,600	5,600
1987	11,500	800	5,100
1992	9,000	600	3,800
1993	9,500	700	3,400
1994	9,000	800	3,500
1995	9,000	700	3,500
1996	9,000	700	3,000
1997	10,000	900	3,000
1998	9,000	900	3,000

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

**MILK: Cows & Production**

Year	Annual Avg. Milk Cows	Average Production Per Cow	Total Milk Production
No. Head      Pounds      Million lbs.			
1940	1/	1/	1/
1950	1/	1/	1/
1959	1/	1/	1/
1969	1/	1/	1/
1978	5,100	11,200	57.1
1982	5,500	11,300	62.2
1987	4,400	13,900	61.2
1992	3,600	15,500	55.8
1993	3,400	15,500	52.7
1994	3,300	16,000	52.8
1995	3,000	16,300	48.9
1996	3,000	16,000	48.0
1997	2,800	16,000	44.8
1998	2,900	16,300	47.3

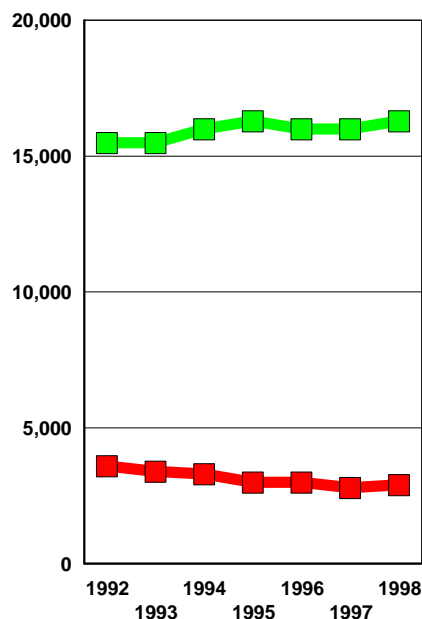
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**OATS: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres      Acres      Bushels      Bushels				
1940	1/	7,954	23.6	187,383
1950	1/	6,483	29.7	192,504
1959	1/	6,349	47.0	298,299
1969	1/	1/	1/	1/
1978	3,100	2,700	51.0	137,700
1982	2,700	2,400	54.0	129,600
1987	1,600	1,100	52.0	57,200
1992	1,000	800	65.0	52,000
1993	1,000	800	65.0	52,000
1994	800	700	60.0	42,000
1995	600	500	50.0	25,200
1996	800	600	48.0	28,900
1997	900	800	60.0	48,000
1998	1,000	1,000	58.0	58,000

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1/ Not available.

**MILK: Cows & Production**

■ Annual Avg. Milk Cows  
■ Average Production Per Cow

**EQUINE: Inventory and Value,**

1997 Census of Agriculture

Total Equine	Rank in State	Inventory Value	Rank in State
424	47	\$61,000	44

**CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	All Planted	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	7,126	2,237	35.0	78,253	1/	1/	1/
1950	6,084	1,526	51.6	78,676	4,315	7.1	30,827
1959	5,085	2,010	63.9	128,476	3,037	10.7	32,518
1969	5,300	1,600	92.0	147,200	1/	1/	1/
1978	8,200	3,900	80.0	312,000	4,100	13.5	55,350
1982	7,100	3,700	90.5	334,900	3,200	12.3	39,400
1987	6,500	3,200	100.0	320,000	3,000	14.0	42,000
1992	5,500	3,800	94.0	357,200	1,500	12.9	19,400
1993	5,600	2,600	99.0	257,400	2,900	13.8	40,000
1994	5,700	2,700	115.0	311,100	3,000	14.1	42,200
1995	6,200	3,500	104.0	363,900	2,700	13.7	37,000
1996	6,700	4,100	102.0	418,900	2,500	15.2	37,900
1997	6,800	3,900	115.0	448,500	2,900	14.0	40,600
1998	6,200	3,500	113.0	395,500	2,700	14.2	38,400

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available

**HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production 1/**

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	1,904	1.4	2,637	24,624	0.9	20,959	26,528	0.9	23,596
1950	1,486	1.8	2,602	22,172	1.1	24,932	23,658	1.2	27,534
1959	7,307	2.2	16,067	13,627	1.5	20,989	20,934	1.8	37,056
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	18,122	2.0	35,662
1978	6,100	2.6	15,900	13,900	2.0	27,800	20,000	2.2	43,700
1982	6,800	2.3	15,600	12,800	2.3	29,400	19,600	2.3	45,000
1987	6,500	2.2	14,500	9,700	1.7	16,400	16,200	1.9	30,900
1992	6,200	2.1	13,100	8,500	1.7	14,500	14,700	1.9	27,600
1993	5,000	2.4	12,000	9,600	1.8	16,900	14,600	2.0	28,900
1994	4,400	2.9	12,800	9,500	2.0	19,100	13,900	2.3	31,900
1995	5,000	2.4	12,000	8,400	1.8	14,800	13,400	2.0	26,800
1996	5,400	2.3	12,400	7,400	1.6	11,900	12,800	1.9	24,300
1997	4,000	2.3	9,200	9,300	1.8	16,900	13,300	2.0	26,100
1998	3,700	2.2	8,100	8,500	1.8	15,500	12,200	1.9	23,600

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1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available